

REMARKS

Within the final Office Action, claims 1-68 were pending. Claims 1-10, 12-18, and 63-67 were rejected. Claims 11 and 68 were objected to. Claims 19-62 were allowed. By way of the above amendment, claims 1 and 63 have been amended and claims 2-18 and 64-68 have been canceled. Thus, claims 1 and 19-63 are now pending.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Within the final Office Action, claims 1-10, 12-18, and 63-67 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 4,511,220 to Scully in view of Goodman, J.W., "Some Fundamental Properties of Speckle (J. Opt. Soc. A., vol. 66, no. 11, Nov. 1976, pp 1145-50. This rejection is now moot since (1) independent claim 1 has been amended to recite the limitations of claim 11, as described below; (2) independent claim 63 has been amended to recite the limitations of claim 68 and the intervening claims, claims 64 and 65, as described below; and (3) claims 2-18 and 64-68 have been canceled.

Objections

Within the final Office Action, claims 11 and 68 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Within the final Office Action it is stated that claims 11 and 68 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

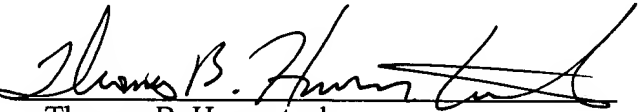
In response to the final Office Action, the independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitation of claim 11, and the independent claim 63 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 68 and the intervening claims, claims 64 and 65. Claim 63 has also been amended to correct a typographical error to add the word "comprising" so that claim 63 now reads in part, "An apparatus for reducing laser speckle *comprising*" (emphasis added). As amended, claims 1 and 63 are now in allowable form.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons given above, the Applicant respectfully submits that the claims 1 and 19-63 are now in condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss them so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

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